

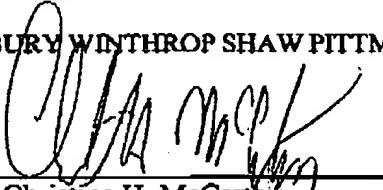
**REMARKS**

Upon entry of this Amendment, the specification has been amended to remove the reference numbers and the (Figure 4) reference from the Abstract. This Rule 312 Amendment does not require further searching by the Examiner since the change is purely formal in nature. Accordingly, the submission of this Rule 312 Amendment should not hinder allowance of this application as a United States Patent.

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